

NEW SHOREHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

CHANTRY HOUSE,

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA.

6th May, 1952.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Acting Medical Officer of health for the year 1951, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

During the past year 151 vessels, with a tonnage of 35,257 have arrived from foreign ports, and 1,161 coastwise vessels, with a tonnage of 416,257, have entered the Port. These figures compare with 108 foreign arrivals (20,518 tons) and 1,088 coastwise arrivals, (362,964 tons) for the previous year. The foreign arrivals show an increase of 43 vessels (14,739 tons), and coastwise arrivals show an increase of 73 vessels (53,293 tons), the combined totals being an increase of 116 vessels (68,032 tons). Passenger vessels and fishing vessels are not included in these totals.

The following tables give details of the above arrivals :-

I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR

Table A.

Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number reported to be Defective	Number of vessels on which Defects were remedied	Number of vessels reported as having, or having had, during the voyage infectious disease on board
		By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector			
Foreign	Steam	33	15,211	0	10	1
	Motor	118	20,046	0	28	0
	Sail	Nil	-	-	-	-
	Fishing	Nil	-	-	-	-
Total Foreign	151	35,257	0	38	1	0
Coastwise	Steam	510	238,058	0	22	0
	Motor	651	178,199	0	27	0
	Sail	Nil	-	-	-	-
	Fishing	No record	-	-	-	-
Total Coastwise	1,161	416,257	0	49	0	0
Total Foreign & Coastwise	1,312	451,514	0	87	1	0

<u>Nationality of vessels.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Places of Discharge</u>			<u>No.</u>
British	1,153	Aldrington Basin	Hove		23
		Esso Wharf	"		73
Dutch	121	Walkers	"	"	2
		Shell-Mex	"	"	78
Swedish	11	Halls	"	"	69
		Baltic	"	Portslade	2
German	8	Bakers	"	"	3
		Gas works	"	"	170
Norwegian	7	Preston	"	"	30
		Regent	"	"	74
French	5	R. O. P.	"	"	6
		Cleveland	"	Southwick	46
Belgian	3	Electricity	"	"	270
		Penneys	"	"	54
Danish	2	Turberville	"	"	80
		Beves	"	Shoreham	13
Costa Rican	2	Kingston	"	"	28
		Chemical	"	"	7
		New	"	"	119
		Free	"	"	114
		Tarmac	"	"	51
	1,312				1,312

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

(a) Passenger Traffic

Passenger steamers have called at Brighton Pier from Coastwise ports during the summer months.

(b) Cargo Traffic

Imports of foreign goods have included 62 cargoes of timber from Germany, Holland, Sweden, Finland and France; 53 cargoes of fertilizer from Belgium, France and Holland; slates and tiles from France and Belgium; coal from Holland and Belgium; and bog ore from Holland.

Coastwise cargoes have been principally coal (532 cargoes) from Dover, Immingham, Goole, Hartlepool, Seaham, Sunderland, Tyne Ports, Blyth, Amble, Port Talbot, Barry, and Swansea; and oil (374 cargoes) from Southampton, Thames Ports, and Immingham.

Other Coastwise arrivals include 84 cargoes of shingle from Southampton; 51 cargoes of slag from Middlesborough and Flexbrough; 67 cargoes of stone from Berry Head, Porthoustock, Falmouth, Newlyn, Brixham, Llandulais, and Guernsey; and nine cargoes of timber from Ireland.

Exports during the year comprise 41 cargoes of scrap iron to Middlesbrough, Grangemouth, Hartlepool, Goole, and Hull, 19 cargoes of cement to the Channel Islands, and 12 cargoes of tar, creosote and pitch to Billingham, Rochester, and to French, Belgian, and Spanish ports.

(c) Foreign Ports from which vessels have arrived

FRANCE :- Dieppe, St. Malo, Dunkirk, Rouen, Bordeaux, Brest
Cherbourg, Bayonne, Treport.

BELGIUM :- Antwerp, Ghent, Vilvoorde, Ostend, Selzaete,
Sas Van Gent.

HOLLAND :- Rotterdam, Delfzyl.

GERMANY :- Hamburg

DENMARK :- Horsens.

SWEDEN :- Westervik, Grunogalleviken, Grankullaviken, Karlstad,
Kristineshamn, Norrkoping, Ahos, Skoghall, Kalmar,
Stockholm, Karlskrona, Gefle, Halmstad, Harnosand,
Ljusne, Chula, Oskarshamn, Hudicksvall, Karlshamn.

FINLAND :- Wasa, Mantyluota, Kotka, Hanjo, Kemi, Kasko, Vasklot,
Hamina, Abo, Lapaluota

U.S.S.R. :- Mezen

III. SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the Port and for shipping is from the Brighton Corporation Waterworks. There are no water-boats used at the Port.

IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933 & 1945

Table C.

Cases of Infectious Disease landed from vessels		
Disease	No. of cases during the year	Average No. of cases for previous 5 years
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

No cases of infectious disease have been reported as occurring on vessels during the voyage and disposed of prior to arrival.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

Inspections and enquiries have been made in respect of rat infestation and no evidence of rat infestation has been found.

No "infected" or "Suspected" vessels from plague infested ports have arrived during the year.

The Port is not on the list of ports approved by the Ministry of Health for the issue of Deratination and Deratination Exemption Certificates in accordance with the provisions of the International Sanitary Convention of 1926. An agreement has been entered into under which the Southampton Port Health Authority execute and arrange for the employment of its officers in executing the provisions of Articles 19, 20, and 21, of the Regulations, relating to deratination certificates and deratination exemption certificates, in the district of this Authority.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREWS SPACES

Table J.

Nationality of vessel	Number ins- pected during the year.	<u>Classification of Nuisances</u>			Structural defects through construction wear and tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
		Defects of original construction	Defects through construction wear and tear	Defects through construction wear and tear		
British	50	0	0	1	0	0
Other Nations	37	0	0	0	0	0

A notice served in respect of the defects found has been complied with.

VII. FOOD INSPECTION

Three cargoes of potatoes from Scotland and Ireland have arrived in sound condition.

VIII. STAFF

The Staff of the Authority are part-time officers. I have acted as Medical Officer of Health since the retirement of Dr. A. G. K. Ledger. The Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. W. Thurman, is also the Senior Sanitary Inspector to the Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. A. H. Holt, Housing Manager to the County Borough of Brighton, acts as assistant Sanitary Inspector for the Port Health Authority for duties at Brighton, and Mr. T. A. Eardley, Sanitary Inspector to the Southwick Urban District Council, is the deputy Sanitary Inspector.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to the officials at H. M. Custom House for their valued co-operation at all times.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

ANTHONY PARTRIDGE,

Acting Medical Officer
of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
New Shoreham Port Health Authority

